

POWER of the Holy Spirit, Pt. 2

ISAIAH 11.1-2

I. Personhood of the Holy Spirit

A. Personal Pronouns

(John 14.16-17,26; 15.26; 16.7,13-14)

B. Personal Characteristics

1. Knowledge (1 Cor. 2.10)
2. Will (1 Cor. 12.11)
3. Mind (Rom. 8.27)
4. Love (Rom. 15.30)
5. Goodness & Intelligence (Neh. 9.20)
6. Grief (Isaiah 63.10; Eph. 4.30)

C. Personal Acts

1. Searches (1 Cor. 2.10)
2. Hears & Speaks (John 16.13; Rev. 2.7)
3. Cries out, beseeches (Gal. 4.6)
4. Intercedes or Prays on our behalf (Rom. 8.26)
5. Bears witness/testifies (John 15.26)
6. Teaches (Neh. 9.20; John 14.26)
7. Leads/directs (Rom. 8.14)
8. Prevents (Acts 16.6)
9. Calls & appoints (Acts 13.2)

D. Personal Interaction

1. Comforts (John 14.16-17)
2. Rebelled against & grieved (Isaiah 63.10; Eph. 4.30)
3. Insulted, disdained, treated shamefully (Heb. 10.29)

4. Lied to (Acts 5.3-4)
5. Blasphemed against (Matt. 12.31)

E. Personal Equivalency

(Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:2; Jude 20-21)

II. Deity of the Holy Spirit

A. Divine Attributes

1. Eternal (Heb. 9.14)
2. Omnipresent (Psalm 139.7-10)
3. Omnipotent (Luke 1.35; Micah 3.8; Acts 1.8; Luke 4.14; Rom. 15.18)
4. Omniscient (1 Cor. 2.10; John 14.26; 16.13)
5. Holy (Identified as holy over 90x)

B. Divine Works

1. Creation (Gen. 1.2; Job 26.13; 33.4; Psalm 104.30)
2. Imparts life (Gen. 2.7; John 6.63; Rom. 8.11)
3. Inspired Scripture (2 Sam. 23.2; 2 Peter 1.21)
4. Involved in miracles (Matt. 12.28; Rom. 15.18)
5. Involved in redemption (John 3.5; Titus 3.4-5; Heb. 9.14)

C. Divine Names

1. Jehovah
(Luke 1.68,70 with 2 Pet. 1.21; 2 Sam. 23.2-3; Psalm 78.17-18 with Isaiah 63.10; Isaiah 6.8-10 with Acts 28.25-27; Ex. 17.7 with Heb. 3.7-1)
2. Expressly called God
(Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 3:16, 19; Rom. 8.29 with 2 Cor. 3.18; 1 Cor. 2.10-11 with Rom. 8.27)

I. The Breath of God

- A. The word Spirit means “breath” or “wind” and we see the Holy Spirit referred to as such on many occasions throughout the OT.

Gen. 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Compare that to the actions of Jesus...

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

- B. We see both concepts of the wind and the Spirit together in the Gospel of John.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

- C. Just like the wind, the Holy Spirit is...

1. Sovereign – v. 8 “it blows where it wishes”
2. Invisible – v. 8 “you hear its sound”
3. Inscrutable (mysterious and difficult to explain) – v. 8 “but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes”
4. Indispensable – where there is no movement of air there is no life
5. Life-giving

Eze. 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me

down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones... 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. 8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. 9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus says the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

6. Irresistible

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...

Acts 6:10 But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

- D. The Spirit, then, is the outbreathing of God, the very principle of life – that which not only gives life, but sustains life, and without which life is impossible.

Isa. 11:1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

II. The Role of the Holy Spirit in the OT

- A. This same Spirit of the God was there at the creation of the world.

Gen. 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

- B. Not only does he create, but He preserves and sustains.

Job 34:14 If he should set his heart to it and gather to himself his spirit and his breath, 15 all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Isa. 63:11 Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit...

C. He **controls** and **directs**.

Isa. 40:7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.

Isa. 34:16 Seek out of the book of the Lord and read: not one of these (details of prophecy) shall fail, none shall want and lack her mate (in fulfillment). For the mouth (of the Lord) has commanded, and His Spirit has gathered them.

III. In His **relationship with man**

A. The Holy Spirit in the OT is transitory.

B. In the story of Samson

Judges 13:25 ...the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him.

Judges 14:6 The Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands...

Judges 14:19 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power. He went down to Ashkelon, struck down thirty of their men...

Judges 15:14 The Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands.

Judges 16:20 He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him.

C. Saul, the first king of Israel

1 Sam. 11:6 When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger.

1 Sam. 16:14 Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul....

D. David

Psalms 51:11, Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

IV. Concerning the work of God

A. **Empowers** God's people to lead

Num. 11:16 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. 17 And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone."

Num. 27:18 So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him."

Judges 3:10 The Spirit of the LORD was upon him (Othniel), and he judged Israel.

1 Sam. 10:10 When they came to Gibeath, behold, a group of prophets met him (Saul), and the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among them.

1 Sam. 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him (David) in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

B. **Equips** God's people with skills

Ex. 28:3 So you shall speak to all who are] gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may

make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.

Ex. 31.1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 5 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship." (See also Ex. 35.30-35)

C. Enables God's people for victory

Isa. 63:11 Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, 12 who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, 13 who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble.

1 Sam. 19:20 Then Saul sent messengers to take David, and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

D. Encourages God's people to persevere

Psalms 143:10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

Isaiah 44:1 But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! 2 Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. 3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Zech. 4:6 Then he (an angel) said to me (Zerubbabel), "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of

hosts. 7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain..."

Haggai 2:4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, 5 according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.

V. Concerning the Word of God, the Holy Spirit...

A. Revelation

Eze. 2:1 And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2 And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me..."

Eze. 3:24 But the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and he spoke with me and said to me, "Go, shut yourself within your house. 25 And you, O son of man, behold, cords will be placed upon you, and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out among the people. 26 And I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute and unable to reprove them, for they are a rebellious house. 27 But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' He who will hear, let him hear; and he who will refuse to hear, let him refuse, for they are a rebellious house.

Neh. 9:30 Many years you bore with them and warned them by your Spirit through your prophets. Yet they would not give ear. Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

B. Inspiration

Micah 3:8 But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

2 Pet. 1:20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

C. Proclamation

2 Chron. 15:1 The Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded, 2 and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The LORD is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

2 Chron. 20:14 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. 15 And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.

2 Chron. 24:20 Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God, 'Why do you break the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.'"

Judges 6:34 But the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him. 35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they too were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.

VI. Prophecies

Isa. 32:14 For the palace is forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks; 15 until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. 16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.

Eze. 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. 28 Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

Eze. 39:29 And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.